

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A surgical trimming tool, comprising:

first and second handles pivotally attached to one another intermediate first and second ends thereof;

a first cutting jaw extending from the first end of the first handle;

a second cutting jaw extending from the first end of the second handle, wherein the first and second cutting jaws are configured to cut an object when closed towards one another; and

a clip associated with either the first or second cutting jaw and configured to retain the cut object between the clip and the closed jaws until the first and second jaws are separated or the cut object is forcibly removed from the clip.

2. The tool of claim 1, including a spring interposed between the first and second handles for biasing the first and second jaws into an open position.

3. The tool of claim 2, wherein the spring comprises first and second leaf springs, a first end of the first leaf spring being attached to the second end of the first handle, a first end of the second leaf spring being attached to the second end of the second handle, wherein the second ends of the first and second leaf springs are connected to each other.

4. The tool of claim 1, wherein the clip is generally S-shaped and attached at a first end thereof to the associated first or second jaw, with a second end thereof extending over a cutting edge of the associated first or second jaw.

5. The tool of claim 4, wherein the second end of the clip includes a sharp edge generally positioned over the cutting edge of the associated first or second jaw.

6. The tool of claim 4, wherein the clip is resiliently flexible and configured to flex upward as an object is cut so as to retain the object between the second end of the clip and the associated first or second jaw.

7. A surgical trimming tool, comprising:  
first and second handles pivotally attached to one another intermediate first and second ends thereof;  
a first cutting jaw extending from the first end of the first handle;  
a second cutting jaw extending from the first end of the second handle, wherein the first and second cutting jaws are configured to cut an object when closed towards one another;  
a spring interposed between the first and second handles for biasing the first and second jaws into an open position; and  
a generally S-shaped clip attached at a first end thereof to the associated either first or second cutting jaw, with a second end extending over a cutting edge of the associated first or second jaw, the clip being configured to retain the cut object between the clip and the closed jaws until the first and second jaws are separated or the cut object is forcibly removed from the clip.

8. The tool of claim 7, wherein the spring comprises first and second leaf springs, a first end of the first leaf spring being attached to the second end of the first handle, a first end of the second leaf spring being attached to the second end of the second handle, wherein the second ends of the first and second leaf springs are connected to each other.

9. The tool of claim 7, wherein the second end of the clip includes a sharp edge generally positioned over the cutting edge of the associated first or second jaw.

10. The tool of claim 9, wherein the clip is resiliently flexible and configured to flex upward as an object is cut so as to retain the object between the second end of the clip and the associated first or second jaw.

11. A surgical trimming tool, comprising:

first and second handles pivotally attached to one another intermediate first and second ends thereof;

a first cutting jaw extending from the first end of the first handle;

a second cutting jaw extending from the first end of the second handle, wherein the first and second cutting jaws are configured to cut an object when closed towards one another;

a spring interposed between the first and second handles for biasing the first and second jaws into an open position; and

a resiliently flexible generally S-shaped clip attached at a first end thereof to the associated either first or second cutting jaw, with a second end having a sharp edge extending over a cutting edge of the associated first or second jaw, the clip being configured to retain the cut object between the clip and the closed jaws until the first and second jaws are separated or the cut object is forcibly removed from the clip.

12. The tool of claim 11, wherein the spring comprises first and second leaf springs, a first end of the first leaf spring being attached to the second end of the first handle, a first end of the second leaf spring being attached to the second end of the second handle, wherein the second ends of the first and second leaf springs are connected to each other.

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